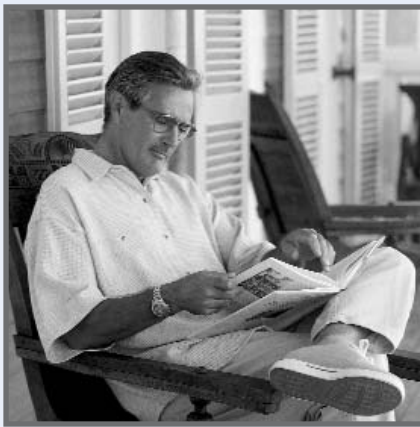




Medicare Publications Catalog



This is the official government publication with information about how to get free Medicare publications in English, Spanish, Audio or Braille.

- Booklets
- Brochures
- Fact Sheets

Free Medicare Information



Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, some people with disabilities under age 65, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant). This catalog describes the many free publications that are available to help people with Medicare understand their benefits and get answers to their Medicare questions. All of these publications contain resources to contact if you need help or more information.

How do I get these publications?

To get a publication, know the title and CMS Pub. No. as shown in this catalog. Then...

- 1** Look at www.medicare.gov on the web and select “Publications” to read, print, or order them.
- 2** Put your name on the mailing list to get an e-mail every time a new publication is available. To sign up, go to www.medicare.gov and select “Publications.” Then, select “Subscribe to Our Mailing List,” and select “Publications.”
- 3** Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask for a free copy of the publication you want. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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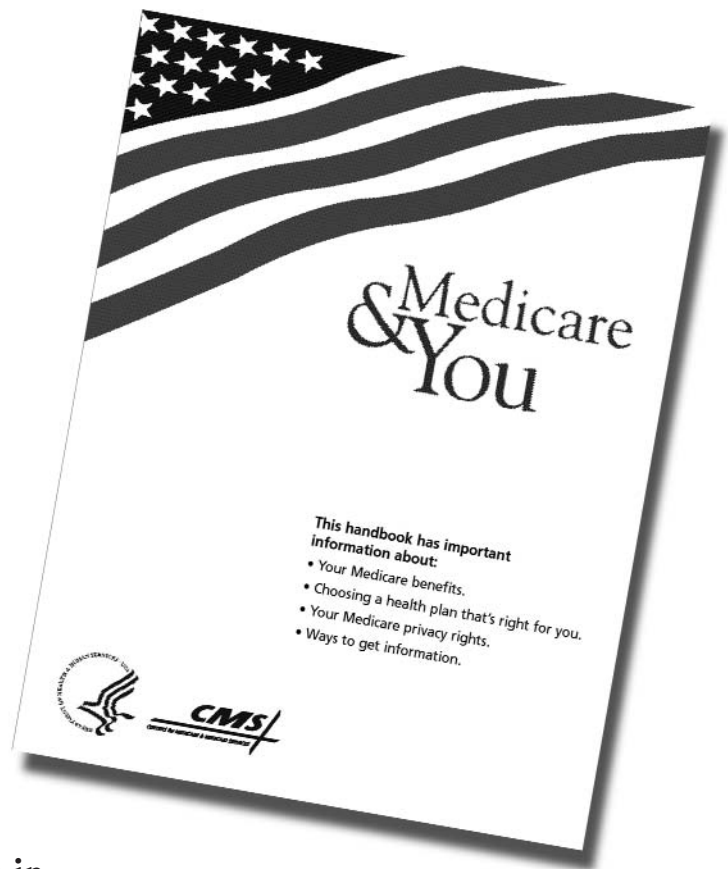
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Basic Medicare Information

Medicare & You

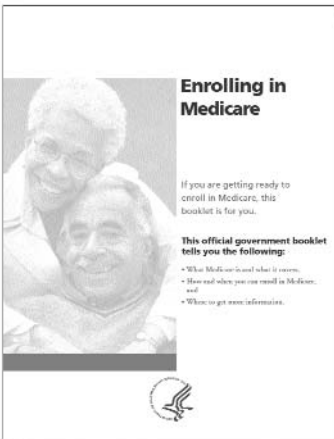
This reference helps people with Medicare learn about the health care choices they have. It gives basic facts about the Medicare program, Medicare health plan choices, privacy rights and other insurance, and other ways to get information.



Updated every October and available in

English (CMS Pub. No. 10050)
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10050-S)
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Braille (CMS Pub. No. 10050-B)
English Large Print (CMS Pub. No. 10050-LE)
Spanish Large Print (CMS Pub. No. 10050-LS)

Basic Medicare Information



Enrolling in Medicare

This booklet is about enrolling in (joining) the Medicare program. It provides useful information about Medicare Parts A and B, including what Medicare is, who is eligible, how much it costs, and more.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11036)

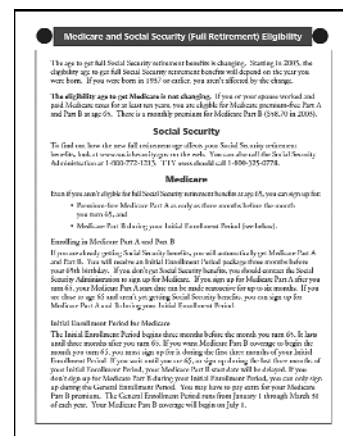
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11036-S)

Medicare and Social Security (Full Retirement) Eligibility Fact Sheet

This fact sheet explains how changes to the new full retirement age affect your Social Security retirement benefits. It also explains enrolling in Medicare Part A and Part B and where to get help with your questions.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11038)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11038-S)

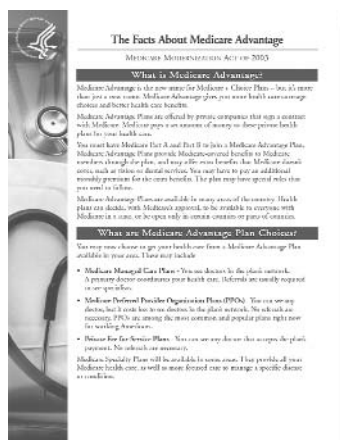


Medicare Modernization Act

The Facts about Upcoming New Benefits in Medicare

This 2-page fact sheet explains the new Medicare benefits resulting from the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11054)
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11054-S)



The Facts about Medicare Advantage

This 2-page fact sheet briefly introduces Medicare Advantage Plans (like Medicare Managed Care Plans, Medicare Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), Medicare Private Fee-for-Service Plans, and Medicare Specialty Plans) and provides resources for more information.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11061)
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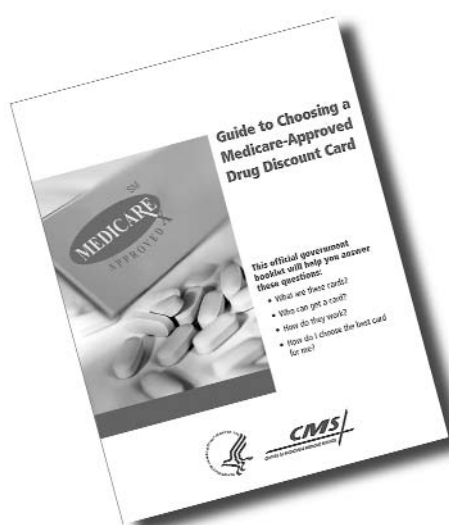
Prescription Drug Information

Introducing Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Cards

This brochure gives a brief overview of Medicare-approved drug discount cards and the \$600 credit for people with lower incomes.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11060)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11060-S)



Guide to Choosing a Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card

This booklet provides information about Medicare-approved drug discount cards including who can get a card, how they work, and how to choose the best card for you.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11062)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11062-S)

Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card Tip Sheet

This tip sheet provides guidance for counselors, caregivers, and intermediaries who help people with Medicare compare and choose drug discount cards.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11071)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11071-S)



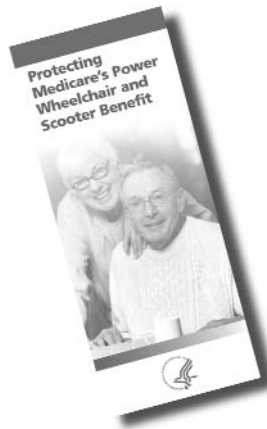
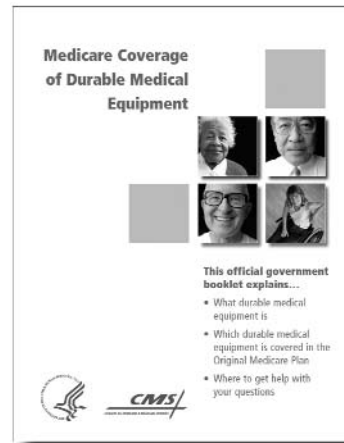
Services Medicare Covers

Medicare Coverage of Durable Medical Equipment

Durable Medical Equipment is medical equipment ordered by a doctor for use in the home. This booklet explains which durable medical equipment is covered in the Original Medicare Plan, and where to get help with your questions.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11045)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11045-S)



Protecting Medicare's Power Wheelchair and Scooter Benefits

This publication explains Medicare's coverage of power wheelchairs and scooters. It also has information on how to detect fraud.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11046)

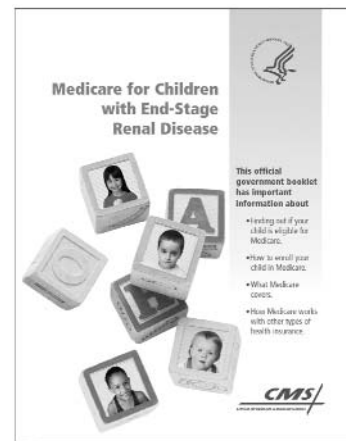
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11046-S)

Medicare for Children with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

This booklet lets parents of children with ESRD know if their child is eligible for Medicare, how to enroll, what services Medicare covers, how Medicare works with other insurance, and other ways to pay health care costs.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11066)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11066-S)



Services Medicare Covers

Medicare Coverage of Skilled Nursing Facility Care

This booklet includes details on Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNF) coverage, how to find and compare SNFs, your SNF rights and protections, and a list of important telephone numbers. It includes tips and checklists to help you evaluate the SNFs that you visit.

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Spanish Audiotape (CMS Pub. No. 10153-RS)
Braille (CMS Pub. No. 10153-B)
English Large Print (CMS Pub. No. 10153-LE)
Spanish Large Print (CMS Pub. No. 10153-LS)



Medicare Hospice Benefits

Hospice care is a special type of care for terminally ill patients. This booklet explains Medicare Hospice benefits, how to find a hospice program, and where to get more information.

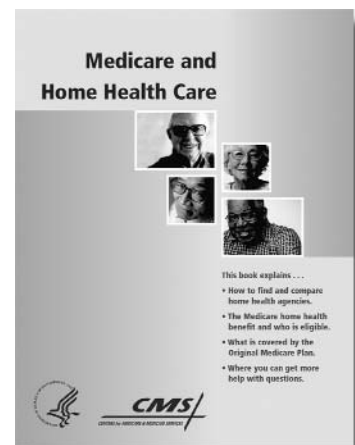
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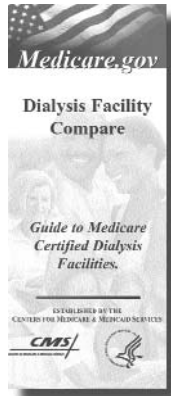
Medicare and Home Health Care

Read this booklet to learn what home health care services Medicare covers and what kinds of questions to ask when choosing a home health care agency.

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Services Medicare Covers



Dialysis Facility Compare

This brochure will show you how to compare Medicare-certified dialysis facilities through the Dialysis Facility Compare search feature at www.medicare.gov on the web.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10208)

Medicare Coverage of Kidney Dialysis and Kidney Transplant Services

If you have permanent kidney failure, this booklet is for you. It discusses how to get Medicare if your kidneys fail, how Medicare helps pay for kidney dialysis and kidney transplants, and where to get help.

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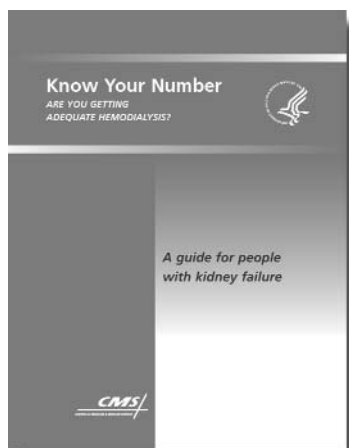
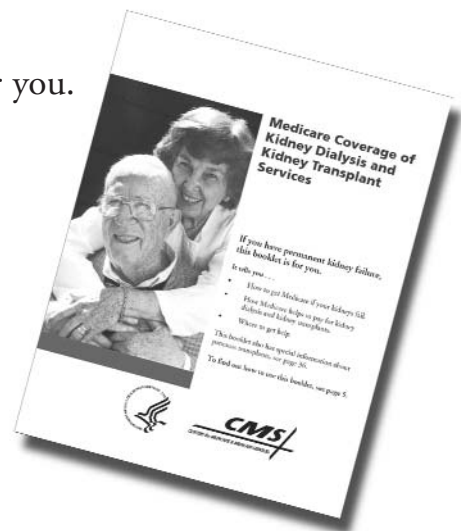
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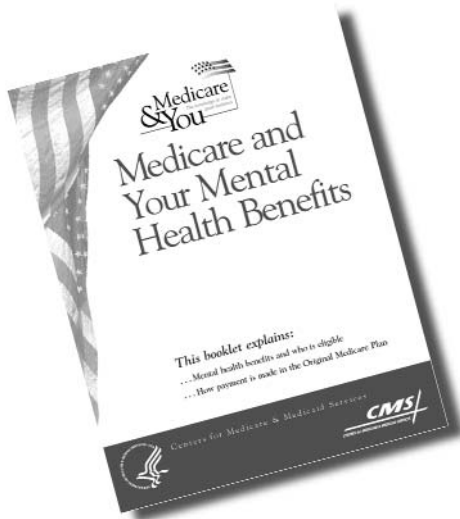
Know Your Number...Are You Getting Adequate Hemodialysis?

If you have kidney failure, it's important to understand hemodialysis. This booklet will help you learn how to make sure you are getting the most out of your dialysis treatments.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10924)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10924-S)

Services Medicare Covers



Medicare and Your Mental Health Benefits

Your mental health is an important part of your overall well-being. Use this booklet to learn what Medicare covers, who is eligible, and where to get more information.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10184)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10184-S)

Your Medicare Benefits

It's important to know what Medicare covers. Learn about both Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (medical insurance) with this booklet. Use this booklet if you are in the Original Medicare Plan and need detailed information about what is covered.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10116)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10116-S)



Getting A Second Opinion Before Surgery

This fact sheet tells you about Medicare coverage and includes a step-by-step guide on how to get a second surgical opinion. Use this brochure to be prepared in case you need surgery.

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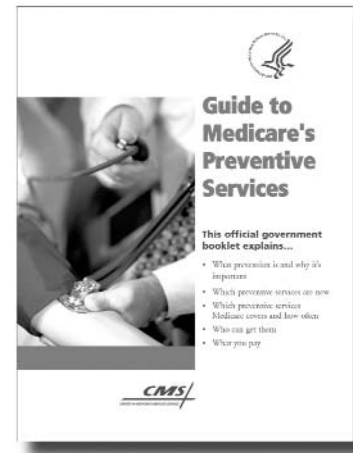
Services Medicare Covers

Guide to Medicare's Preventive Services

Use this brochure to learn how to stay healthy. Find out how to lower your risk of cancer, flu, pneumococcal pneumonia, diabetes, and other illnesses and learn which preventive services are covered by Medicare.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10110)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10110-S)



Medicare & Clinical Trials

Learn about how Medicare now covers some care for people with Medicare who join clinical trials for diagnosing and treating illnesses.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02226)

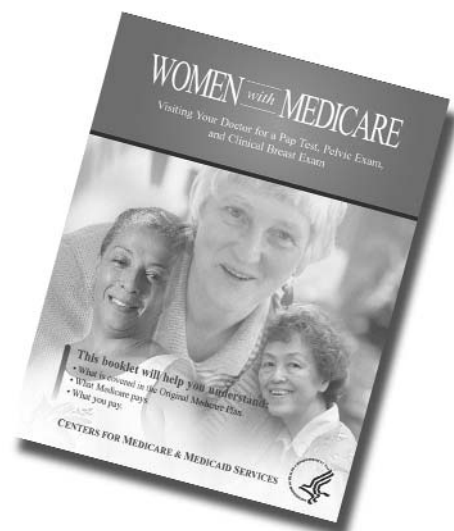
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 02226-S)

Women with Medicare: Visiting Your Doctor for a Pap Test, Pelvic Exam, and Clinical Breast Exam

This booklet provides information on three common preventive services for women with Medicare: the Pap test, pelvic exam, and clinical breast exam. It includes what services Medicare covers, what Medicare pays, and what you will pay.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02248)

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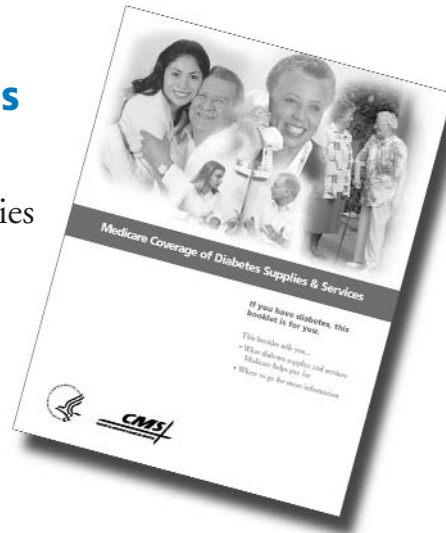
Services Medicare Covers

Medicare Coverage of Diabetes Supplies and Services

This booklet explains the diabetes supplies and services that Medicare covers.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11022)

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Medicare Coverage of Ambulance Services

This booklet explains Medicare coverage of ambulance services, payment, rights and protections.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11021)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11021-S)

Medicare Coverage Outside the U.S.

This publication includes information about health care coverage when you travel outside the United States.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11037)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11037-S)



Health Care Choices

Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home

This guide discusses what to look for in a nursing home. It includes an evaluation checklist and a list of helpful resources for choosing a nursing home.

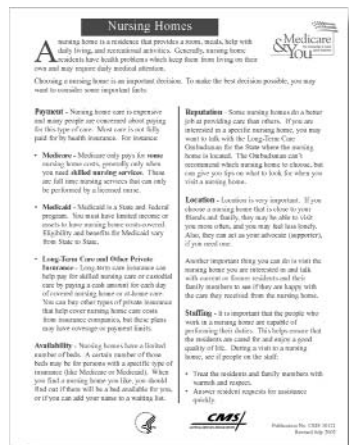
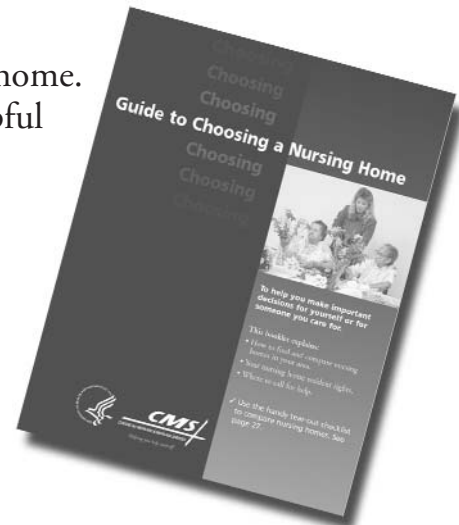
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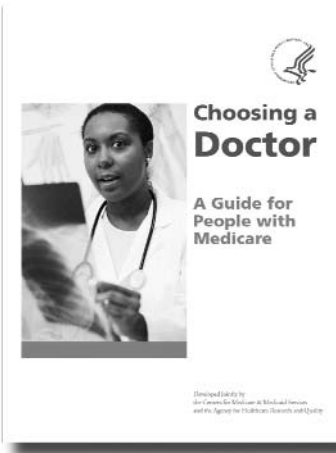


Nursing Homes

This fact sheet includes basic information on how to choose a nursing home and where to get more information, including a search feature called Nursing Home Compare at www.medicare.gov on the web.

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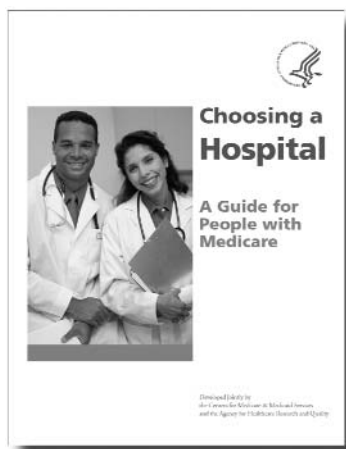
Health Care Choices



Choosing a Doctor: A Guide for People with Medicare

This guide contains useful information to help you find the right doctor for you. It includes worksheets and questions you can ask to help you choose a doctor.

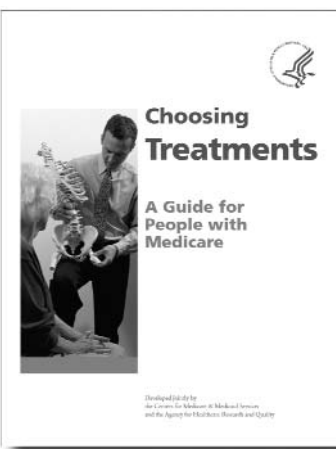
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Choosing a Hospital: A Guide for People with Medicare

This guide provides useful tips on choosing the best facility for your hospital care. It includes references for more information on quality care.

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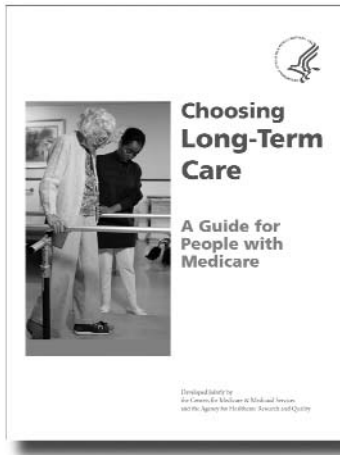


Choosing Treatments: A Guide for People with Medicare

This guide provides advice, worksheets, and references to help you work with your doctor to choose the best treatment for any health problem.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10182)
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Braille (CMS Pub. No. 10182-B)

Health Care Choices



Choosing Long-term Care: A Guide for People with Medicare

This guide helps you understand long-term care options. It includes information on who provides long-term care services, how to pay for long-term care, and more.

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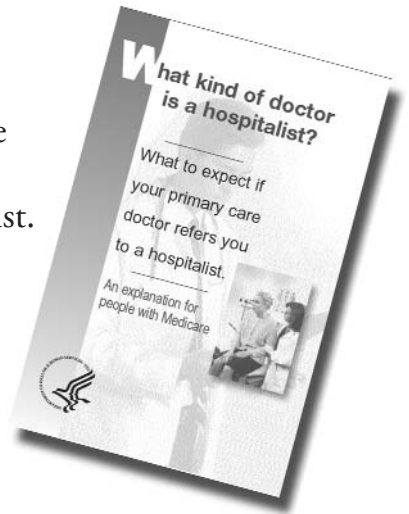
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What Kind of Doctor is a Hospitalist?

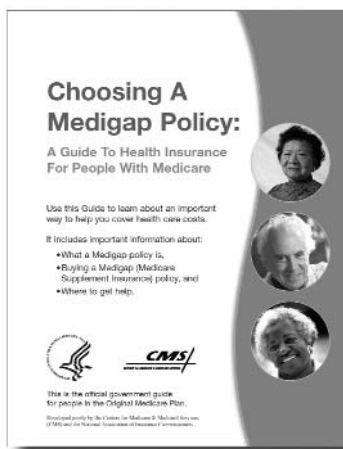
This booklet explains what to expect if your primary care doctor refers you to a hospitalist for care. Learn the differences between a primary care doctor and a hospitalist.

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Medicare Health Plan Choices



Choosing A Medigap Policy: A Guide To Health Insurance For People With Medicare

This detailed guide describes how to choose a Medigap policy to supplement the Original Medicare Plan. It provides six easy steps to buying a Medigap policy, important tips to help you buy the Medigap policy that's right for you, and information on your Medigap protections if you lose health coverage.

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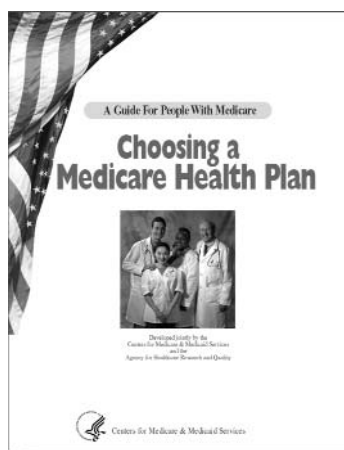
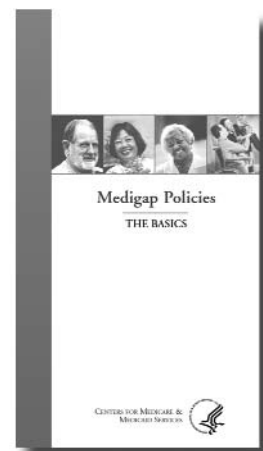
English Large Print (CMS Pub. No. 02110-LE)

Medigap Policies, The Basics

This brochure provides basic information about Medigap policies (a Medicare supplement insurance policy sold by private insurance companies to fill “gaps” in Original Medicare Plan coverage) which supplement the Original Medicare Plan.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10209)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10209-S)



Choosing a Medicare Health Plan: A Guide for People with Medicare

This guide has many tips and questions to help you make the right Medicare health plan choice for you. It includes step-by-step instructions that can help you find a Medicare health plan that will meet your needs and give you good quality care.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02219)

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Medicare Health Plan Choices

Your Guide to Private Fee-for-Service Plans

Learn about one of the Medicare health plan choices available in some areas of the country. This booklet includes detailed information on Private Fee-for-Service Plans, with examples and a chart explaining differences among these plans, the Original Medicare Plan, and Medicare Managed Care Plans.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10144)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10144-S)



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The Facts about Medicare Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)

This fact sheet will give you a general overview of what a PPO is and how it works.

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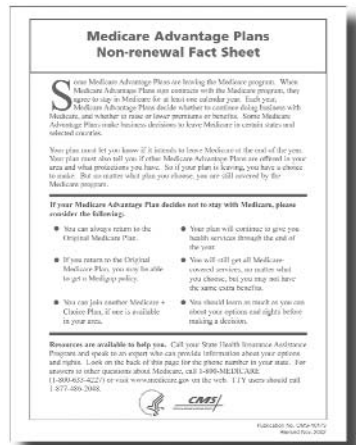
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Medicare Health Plan Choices

Medicare Advantage Plans Non-renewal Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides useful information and phone numbers to help you if your Medicare health plan leaves the Medicare program.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10173)

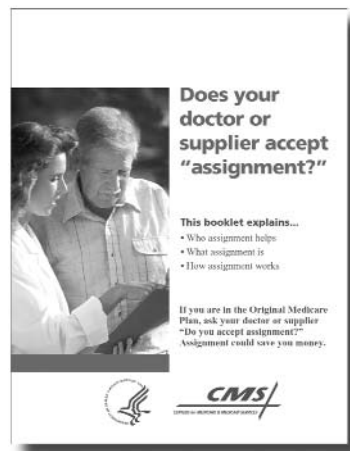


Costs and Payments

Does your doctor or supplier accept "assignment"?

Assignment is when a doctor agrees to accept Medicare's fee as full payment. Learn how assignment can save you money if you are in the Original Medicare Plan.

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English Audiotape (CMS Pub. No. 10134-RE)
Spanish Audiotape (CMS Pub. No. 10134-RS)
Braille (CMS Pub. No. 10134-B)



Paying for outpatient services: a guide for people with Medicare

Learn how the Original Medicare Plan pays for outpatient services. This book includes information about your rights and protections and a list of important telephone numbers and examples.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02118)
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 02118-S)

Costs and Payments



Medicare and Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First

Use this guide to help you understand whether Medicare or your other insurance pays first when you get health care services.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02179)

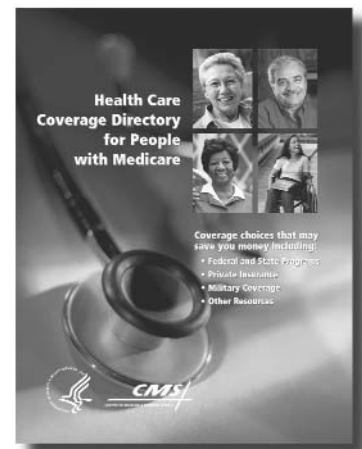
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 02179-S)

Health Care Coverage Directory for People with Medicare

This booklet provides detailed information on the different ways you can get help with your health care costs. These programs may save you money.

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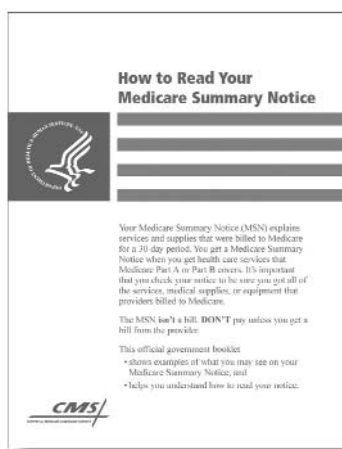


How to Read Your Medicare Summary Notice

A Medicare Summary Notice is sent by the companies that handle bills for Medicare. It lists the amount you may be billed. This booklet helps you understand your Medicare Summary Notice by showing examples and explaining items.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11055)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11055-S)



Your Rights and Protections

Your Medicare Rights and Protections

This booklet lists your rights and protections in Medicare health plans.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10112)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10112-S)



Pay it Right! Protecting Medicare from Fraud

Each year, fraud causes Medicare expenses to grow. Learn how to spot warning signs of fraud and how to report errors and concerns. Also learn how to protect yourself and the Medicare program.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10111)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10111-S)

Other Medicare Publications



Medicare.gov

This brochure has useful information about the www.medicare.gov web site. It includes information on the Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs feature, Medicare Personal Plan Finder, Nursing Home Compare, Home Health Compare, Helpful Contacts, and more.

English (CMS Pub. No. 10108)

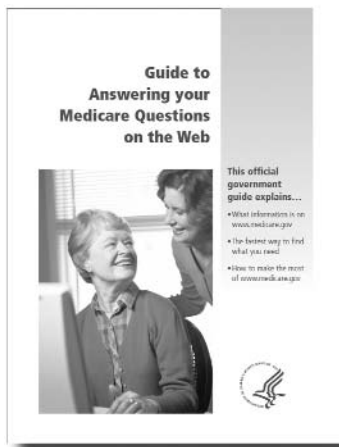
Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 10108-S)

Where To Get Your Medicare Questions Answered

This fact sheet tells you whether you should call the Medicare helpline or the Social Security Administration to get your questions answered.

English (CMS Pub. No. 02246)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 02246-S)



Guide to Answering Your Medicare Questions on the Web

This booklet tells you how to find what you need to know about Medicare at www.medicare.gov on the web.

English (CMS Pub. No. 11063)

Spanish (CMS Pub. No. 11063-S)

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